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From: Manzanilla, Enrique
Sent: Fri 7/21/2017 10:55:43 PM
Subject: Re: End of day -- July 21, 2017

Hi Michele

Can you send me what was sent to reporter on exide?

Thanks

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On Jul 21, 2017, at 3:49 PM, Huitric, Michele <Huitric.Michele@epa.gov> wrote:

PRESS

AP Planner (Emma Lee-Sang) [Received 7/20] – CLOSED – Researcher asked whether EPA will co-host the Southwest Food Recovery Summit this year with the California Resource Recovery Association and if any details were available. EPA is co-hosting a Midwest Food Recovery Summit, with many regions and HQ involved in planning. HQ responded to researcher. LND, Michele Huitric

Freelance writer (Kevan Williams) [Received 6/23] – OPEN – Writer is developing a story about indigenous building and planning and would like to learn more about the Tribal Green Building Toolkit. Writer checked in on status of his query. Waiting for HQ review of written response. DDL: 7/19. LND, Michele Huitric

Fronteras NPR (Laurel Morales) [Received 7/13] – OPEN – Reporter checking in on possible Navajo AUM site tour. Reporter would like to tour AUM. Determining timing with program staff & management. Margot Perez-Sullivan SF

Cronkite News Service (Ben Moffett) [Received 7/20] – CLOSED – Reporter interested in superfund financial security 108 (b) rules. Wants someone at EPA to comment on why are

rules important and respond to ADEQ Deputy Director's criticism of the rules today at a House Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Energy & Mining Lands. ADEQ's deputy director states the rules are overly burdensome and cited the state's Aquifer Protection Program & Mining Lands Reclamation Act which covers financial security. His deadline for comment is today. Referred to HQ Margot Perez-Sullivan SF

CBS Evening News (Mireya Villareal) [Received 7/18]—CLOSED—Reporter is working on a story about the Exide cleanup and understands that there have been issues regarding lack of funding for lead-cleanup of properties. Wants to know what needs to happen for EPA to get involved. Statement approved by HQ and sent to reporter. ENF/SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi.

Ventura County Star (Cheri Carlson) [Received 7/20]—OPEN—Reporter was looking for information on a 2012 cleanup EPA was involved in in Ventura County. Reporter requested a copy of AOC and if EPA has been involved at the site since. Reporter also asked to use photos from response site and is looking for photo credit. SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Web Updates:

Federal Green Challenge – Published updated contact information to our [Federal Green Challenge](#) page.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

(items from July 20)

Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA-31): Brent Maier along with Water Division's Elizabeth Goldmann had a follow up call with Curt Lewis, Constituent Service Representative/Faith Based Liaison in the District Office of Congressman Pete Aguilar regarding his interest in an update on Lytle Creek Wash. Sent some follow up information provided by Elizabeth Goldmann.

Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36): Brent Maier along with Steven Leonido-John of our Southern California Field Office had a meeting today with Jacqueline Lopez, District Director and in the Congressman's Palm Desert District Office. Topics covered in our meeting included: Overview of Southern California Field Office; Superfund Program Overview; Brownfields Program Overview; Small Drinking Water Systems Compliance Issues; EPA Grants; and Doing Business with EPA. Ms. Lopez is very interested in a follow up call to further discuss the possibility of a Brownfields Workshop in the Congressman's District and will work with Noemi Emeric-Ford to set up that call in the next week or so.

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA-9): Congressman McNerney has introduced the "Water and Energy Sustainability Through Technology (WEST) Act," H.R. 3275, that aims to provide drought relief through innovation and infrastructure. The measure would support innovative water-saving technologies and infrastructure that promote efficiency, authorizing projects to promote recycling and reuse and capture storm water. It would also offer grants to study and improve leak detection in piping systems.

EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) – Solicitation for Nominations to Fill Vacancies: The Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations is announcing a solicitation seeking nominations to fill 10-15 vacancies on the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS). The solicitation for nominations will be published in the Federal Register on Friday, July 21st. The notification is available for download pdf (today), July 20th in the Federal Register at <https://federalregister.gov/d/2017-15383>, This notice outlines the qualifications for candidates as well as criteria for selection. This would include currently elected and/or appointed officials of state, local and tribal government such as mayors, county commissioners, state elected officials, tribal elected and appointed officials, and appointed officials such as city managers, health directors and others holding important governmental offices. OCIR seeks a wide search for nominees among intergovernmental organizations, trade associations, and non-governmental organizations with a deadline of August 10th for consideration of an early Fall appointment. An internal solicitation will also go out to EPA Regions and Headquarters. OCIR Contacts: Fran Eargle/Demond Matthews

R9 Current Members:

Honorable Ryan Sundberg, Supervisor, Humboldt County, Eureka, California

Honorable Cynthia Koehler, Board of Directors, Marin County, California, Corte Madera, California

Honorable Mary Salas, Mayor, Chula Vista, California

Honorable David Bobzien, City Council Member At-Large, Reno, Nevada

Mr. Scott Bouchie, Director, Environmental Management and Sustainability, Mesa, Arizona

Upcoming Congressional District Office Meetings and Calls:

Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32): Brent Maier has confirmed a meeting on **Tuesday, July 25th at 9:00am** with Steven Leonido-John of our Southern California Field Office with District Director Perla Hernandez in the Congresswoman's El Monte District Office. Please note that the Congresswoman has the **San Gabriel Valley Areas 2 & 4 Superfund Sites** in her District.

Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44): Brent Maier has set up a follow up call for **Thursday, July 27th at 11:00am PT (2:00pm ET)** with the Congresswoman's office to discuss the Rancho LPG issue. Expected participants from the Congresswoman's office include: Acting District Director Morgan Roth, District Representative Gabriela Medina, and Legislative Director Javier Gamboa. The follow up call includes Superfund Division's Kay Lawrence, Chief, and Andrew Helmlinger in our Office of Regional Counsel.

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40): Brent Maier has confirmed a meeting on **Wednesday, August 2nd at 10:00am** with Steven Leonido-John of our Southern California Field Office with the Congresswoman's Los Angeles District Director Ana Figueroa. Please note that the Congresswoman has the **Pemaco/Maywood Superfund Sites** in her District and has also asked for an update on the ongoing cleanup of the Exide facility in Vernon and the ongoing issues in the City of Paramount.

OCIR Weekly Legislative Report:

Passed Legislation

- On July 18th, the House passed H.R.806, the “**Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017.**”
- On July 18th, the House passed H.R.3050, the “**Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2017.**”

- On July 19th, the House passed H.R.2883, the “**Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act.**”
- On July 19th, the House passed H.R.2910, the “**Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act.**”

Committee Action

- On July 18th, the House Committee on Appropriations approved the **fiscal year 2018 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill**. Additional information is available at:
<https://appropriations.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=395024>
- On July 19th, the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure held a hearing on “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Implementation of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 and the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.” [More information.](#)
- On July 19th, the House Committee on Natural Resources held a hearing on a number of ESA bills, including: H.R. 424, the “Gray Wolf State Management Act of 2017”; H.R. 717, the “Listing Reform Act”; H.R. 1274, the “State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”; H.R. 2603, the “SAVES Act”; and H.R. 3131, the “Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act.” Additional information is available at:
<https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=402373>
- On July 19th, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform marked up and ordered reported from Committee a number of bills, including: H.R. 378, the “Bonuses for Cost-Cutters Act of 2017”; H.R. 3031, the “TSP Modernization Act of 2017”; H.R. 3210, the “Securely Expediting Clearances Through Reporting

Transparency Act of 2017"; H.R. 3243, the "FITARA Enhancement Act of 2017"; and H.R. 3244, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for annual surveys of Federal employees, and for other purposes. Additional information is available at: <https://oversight.house.gov/markup/full-committee-business-meeting-49/>

- On July 19th, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a hearing on S.1514, the "Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation (HELP) for Wildlife Act," to amend certain Acts to reauthorize those Acts and to increase protections for wildlife. Additional information is available at: <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=E916EAD3-3FD3-4DEA-9082-E4EC0B8CEB75>
- On July 20th, the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water and Wildlife of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing on "Innovative Financing and Funding: Addressing America's Crumbling Water Infrastructure." Additional information is available at: <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=0E706F62-B7D6-42D2-9B58-8C17EF41FCCC>

Future Committee Action

- On July 25th, the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will hold a hearing on "Developing and Deploying Advanced Clean Energy Technologies."
- On July 25th, the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation will hold a hearing "Efforts on Marine Debris in the Oceans and Great Lakes."
- On July 26th, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will mark up a number of bills, including: S.873, the "TSP (Thrift Savings Fund) Modernization Act of 2017"; S.288, the "Regulatory Predictability for Business Growth Act of 2017"; S.938, the "Procurement Fraud Prevention Act"; H.R.1293, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management

submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by federal employees; H.R.195, the "Federal Register Printing Savings Act of 2017"; and H.R.194, the "Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2017."

- On July 26th, the Investigations Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing on federal infrastructure permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council.
- On July 27th, Subcommittee on Environment and the Subcommittee on Energy of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a joint hearing entitled "Examining Advancements in Biofuels: Balancing Federal Research and Market Innovation."